

Title of Event: Dee Estuary - Consultative Committee Meeting (No.4)

Date of Event: 25 November 2025

Time of Event: 10:00 – 12:30 hrs

Venue: HYBRID - NRW Office, Buckley, CH7 3AJ and Online (MS Teams)

Purpose:

The fourth meeting of the Dee Conservancy Consultative Committee brings together members to develop a shared understanding of the Dee Conservancy, and to promote opportunities for sustainable operation, regulation, and improvement of navigation in the Dee Estuary.

Agenda:

1. Welcome

Introductions (Andrea Winterton)

Apologies (Dawn Beech)

2. Minutes of last meeting (20/05/25)

Actions (assign Chair, if not what are the longer term options?)

Matters arising

3. Harbour Operation, management & regulation

Duty Holder report (Dawn Beech)

Dee Cockle Regulating Order (Sian Hughes)

Harbour Master updates – compliance/regulation (Rob Jackson)

4. Incidents & Near Misses

Harbour Master updates (Rob Jackson)

5. Harbour Maintenance & Improvement

Airbus Midway Berth update (Dawn Beech)

Derelect boats update (Dawn Beech & Neil Garnett)

Marine Licence Applications (Andrea Winterton)

6. Member comments

An opportunity for members to identify and highlight concerns and queries relating to their specific area of interest.

- Cheshire West & Chester Council – Peter Willet standing in for Andy Challinor
- Commercial representative (RWE) – Daniel James standing in for Alisdair Smith
- Commercial representative (Chambers of Commerce) – Sarah Bailey
- Conservation representative (DECG) – David Parker
- Environment Agency – Andy Judd
- Fisheries representative – Trevor Jones
- Flintshire County Council – Tom Woodall or Lisa McLellan
- Marine Coastguard Agency – Simon Bennett standing in for Jayne Eade
- Natural England – Kathleen Bealby
- Natural Resources Wales – Elsie Grace
- Port of Mostyn – Jim O'Toole
- Recreation representative – Roy Sheriff
- Royal Yachting Association – no attendance
- Wirral Council – Josef Hanick

7. Action confirmation

Recap of actions made during the meeting (Chair)

8. Any other business

NRW review of Dee Wildfowlers licence (Dawn Beech)

9. Date of next meeting(s) – 19/05/26 & 17/11/26

10. Closing Remarks